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June 15, 2015

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: 
Sheryl L. Spiller, Director

**SUBJECT: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE EXPRESS LANE ENROLLMENT PROJECT (ITEM NO. 2,
JUNE 4, 2014)**

This is to provide you with our monthly status report on the Department of Public Social Services' (DPSS) progress in implementing the Express Lane Medi-Cal (ELMC) Project to provide Medi-Cal coverage to CalFresh participants. Below is a summary of our outreach efforts and data on the number of enrollments.

On June 4, 2014, on a motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, the Board instructed the Director of DPSS to fully implement the Express Lane streamlined eligibility process described in the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) All County Welfare Directors Letter and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services Guidance. DPSS was instructed to report back to the Board in writing within 60 days and monthly thereafter.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

As of May 31, 2015, according to DHCS, 38,483 CalFresh participants were enrolled in ELMC in Los Angeles County. Please note that the number of CalFresh participants enrolled in ELMC changes each month; individuals exit when they are approved for Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medi-Cal, when their CalFresh case is closed, or when they are no longer eligible to ELMC. Therefore, some CalFresh participants identified in our previous report may no longer be enrolled in ELMC, but may continue to have Medi-Cal coverage.

DPSS continues to offer eligible participants the opportunity to opt-in during every point of contact by phone or in-person, particularly during their CalFresh recertification interviews. During May 2015, we outreached to 2,461 CalFresh households who did not already have Medi-Cal to encourage enrollment into ELMC. As a result, 2,149

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CalFresh participants opted to enroll in ELMC. Of those who declined, the main stated reasons included: other healthcare coverage, only want CalFresh benefits, will apply for ELMC later, and not interested.

As reported in our last update, to supplement two prior mailings sent by the State, on May 27, 2015, DPSS sent a special mailer to approximately 65,000 CalFresh households who we identified as potentially eligible to ELMC to once again offer them the opportunity to enroll in ELMC. We will share the overall outcome of the special mailer in next month's report. The special mailer has been posted on the DPSS CalFresh website and tweeted on the CalFresh Twitter account.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (562) 908-8383, or your staff may contact Jose R. Perez, Assistant Director, at (562) 908-8633, or via email at joseperez@dpss.lacounty.gov.

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